Math 210 Section 12 Spring 2002
Mathematics Appreciation

Meetings: TTH 2:35-3:50 in SH 114
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Text: I will not use a textbook

Objectives: The main objective of Math 210 is to introduce students to some of the main ideas of mathematics in a historical and cultural context. An emphasis will be made on the history of mathematics. Also, as the ability to appreciate is tied to the ability to do, there will be a lot of in-class problem solving activities.

Policies: I will not take attendance. However, 50% of your grade will depend on in-class participation. It is in the best of your interests to attend every class and show up on time. I also expect you to write clear prose in the work you turn in.

Grading: Your course grade will be determined from in class participation (50%), and from several term papers (50%).

Throughout the semester there will be quite a lot of in-class problem solving assignments related to discussion topics. You are strongly encouraged to work in groups of 3 or 4 students. I will evaluate your group as a whole on these projects. Your work should be written up as coherently and correctly as time allows. Although attendance will not be taken, you will not receive credit for work missed without a legitimate excuse. Furthermore, your participation in classroom activity will be a primary factor in making the course enjoyable and interesting!

You are required to write 2 or 3 term papers throughout the semester. A list of sources will be provided and you should gather information from more than one source. Each of the papers should be about 4-5 pages typed.

Other: If you have any questions or comments, please come and talk to me.
Disabilities: If you have or believe you have a disability, you may wish to self-identify. You can do so by providing documentation to the Office for Services for Students with Disabilities, located at Garcia Annex (phone: 646-6840). Appropriate accommodations may then be provided for you. If you have a condition which may affect your ability to exit safely from the premises in an emergency or which may cause an emergency during class, you are encouraged to discuss this in confidence with the instructor and/or the director of Disabled Student Programs. If you have general questions about the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), call 646-3333.